

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a requirement to elect from three groups of species in the captioned application for prosecution on the merits and to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is found to be allowable.

In Species Group A, Applicant elects a hair styling appliance that is a styling iron.

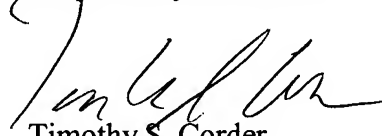
In Species Group B, Applicant elects an input mechanism comprising a touch pad.

In Species Group C, Applicant elects an operational feature comprising a temperature setting.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 13, 14, 17-22, and 24-39 read on the elected species.

Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for examination on the merits and allowance. An early indication to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments that might help to progress the case towards allowance, he is invited to call the undersigned at 512.542.8446.

Respectfully submitted,



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